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OF
THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.

OFFICIAL REPORT

FIRST ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION.

Tuesday, the 8th August 1933/24th Karkatakam 1108.

The Assembly re-assembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at eleven-one of the clock, the President presiding.

Questions and Answers.

Submergence of the Pandalam junction during floods.

30*. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the fact that there is great dislocation of traffic on the Main Central road even during normal floods, due to the submergence of Pandalam junction under water, has been brought to their notice?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know when this fact was first brought to the notice of Government?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I cannot exactly say when it was brought to the notice of Government; but the department has noticed it and has actually started an investigation.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know when the investigation was started?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): It was started while I was in charge of the Quilon Division, in about January last.

MR A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): January 1933?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Yes. We have been taking levels and trying to find out the cause of flooding in that area. Investigation is still going on.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether the investigation is in regard to the manner in which dislocation of traffic could be prevented, or is it to find out proper drainage for the flood water?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): The investigation is to see how best the flooding round there generally can be dealt with.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Has it been brought to the notice of the department that a large number of houses and a large area of crops are being submerged under water during floods?

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MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Yes, we are aware of that.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Did the department begin investigation with regard to that also only in January 1933?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Am I to understand that the department was not aware of these difficulties, experienced by the people of the locality, before January 1933?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): We were aware of it; but we wanted to investigate as to the best means of giving relief to the people. We had an idea, first, to raise the level of the road all round there, above flood level; but that was dropped as the flood water may then damage the neighbouring property. The question was then considered whether it would not be better to put up bunds in some gaps on the river banks in order to prevent the inrush of flood water in the locality.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Does not the member think that the reconstruction and lengthening of the bridge will be the proper solution for the difficulty?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I do not think that would be of much use. I think it would be better to close certain gaps in the river banks so that the flood water would confine its course to the river itself.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): കൊല്ലകടവ് എന്നസ്ഥലത്ത് ഒരു പാലം കെട്ടുന്നപക്ഷം ഗതാഗതവൈഷമ്യം കുറെ എങ്കിലും തടയാൻ സാധിക്കുമോ?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): It all depends on the height of the floods. Up to a certain flood level, that would be of help; but, if the other side of the road also, between Kollakadavu and Chengannur, gets submerged under water, it may not be of much use.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): കൊല്ലകടവിൽ പാലം ഉണ്ടാക്കുന്നതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽനിന്നും ആലോചിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I rise to a point of order, Sir. That question scarcely arises. The question relates to the M. C. road; Kollakadavu is not on the M. C. road.

PRESIDENT: I think it is all right, as that is also a suggestion to remove the trouble on the M. C. road.

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Yes, the question of a bridge there is under consideration.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): മെയിൻസെൻട്രൽ റോഡിലുള്ള ഗതാഗതവിഷമങ്ങളെ തടയുന്നതിനാലോചിക്കുമ്പോൾ കൊല്ലകടവുറോഡുംകൂടി ഇൻസിഡൻറലായി അതിൽവരുന്നുണ്ട്.

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PRESIDENT: I think that is enough, Mr. Velayudhan Pillai.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*): Are the Government aware that certain other portions of the Main Central road are similarly affected as at Pandalam?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

Appointment of a Clinical Assistant.

31.* **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the time at which the necessity for appointing a Clinical Assistant was felt by them;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Clinical Assistant's place is to be given only to a person who has undergone training in Bio-Chemistry;

(*c*) whether any person, who was undergoing the above course in Madras, has put in applications for the same in December 1932 and in subsequent months, and, if so, the dates of such applications;

(*d*) whether any person has been deputed by the Government for undergoing training for the above course, and, if so, the date on which it was decided to send a person for the purpose, the date on which the person was chosen and the date on which the matter was communicated to the person concerned; and

(*e*) if the person referred to in part (*d*) was deputed after receipt of the applications referred to in part (*c*), the reason for deputing such a person?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) About June 1932.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No application for the post of Clinical Assistant was received in December 1932. One person who was undergoing training in Madras applied for the post on 28-2-1933 and on 13-3-1933;

(*d*) Yes; in Chingom 1108 (August 1932) it was decided to send a person for training in Bio-Chemistry. The person was selected by the Darbar Physician on 28-11-1932. The order was communicated to the person selected on 8-3-1933.

(*e*) The selection of the candidate was settled on the date mentioned in part (*d*) long before the applications referred to in part (*c*) and the person selected was permitted to undergo training in Bio-Chemistry.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): With regard to the answer to part (*d*), may I know why there was so much delay in communicating the decision made in December 1932 to the gentleman concerned?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Because, the Madras Government had been requested to arrange for his training, and their reply was received only in March.

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